

105TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 1080

To study the high rate of cancer among children in Dover Township, New Jersey, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 1997

Mr. SAXTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Michael Gillick Child-  
5       hood Cancer Research Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       Congress finds that—

8               (1) during the period from 1980 to 1988,  
9       Ocean County, New Jersey, had a significantly high-  
10       er rate of childhood cancer than the rest of the

1 United States, including a rate of brain and central  
2 nervous system cancer that was nearly 70 percent  
3 above the rate of other States;

4 (2) during the period from 1979 to 1991—

5 (A) there were 230 cases of childhood can-  
6 cer in Ocean County, of which 56 cases were in  
7 Dover Township, and of those 14 were in Toms  
8 River alone;

9 (B) the rate of brain and central nervous  
10 system cancer of children under 20 in Toms  
11 River was 3 times higher than expected, and  
12 among children under 5 was 7 times higher  
13 than expected; and

14 (C) Dover Township, which would have  
15 had a nearly normal cancer rate if Toms River  
16 was excluded, had a 49 percent higher cancer  
17 rate than the rest of the State and an 80 per-  
18 cent higher leukemia rate than the rest of the  
19 State; and

20 (3)(A) according to New Jersey State averages,  
21 a population the size of Toms River should have 1.6  
22 children under age 19 with cancer; and

23 (B) Toms River currently has 5 children under  
24 the age of 19 with cancer.

1 **SEC. 3. STUDY.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Agency  
3 for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry shall conduct  
4 dose-reconstruction modeling and an epidemiological study  
5 of childhood cancer in Dover Township, New Jersey.

6 (b) GRANT TO NEW JERSEY.—The Administrator  
7 may make 1 or more grants to the State of New Jersey  
8 to carry out subsection (a).

9 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out  
11 this Act—

12 (1) \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 1998; and

13 (2) \$2,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1999  
14 and 2000.

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